

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 15-18 are now pending in the application, of which Claims 11-14 have been withdrawn from consideration. The basis for the foregoing amendments may be found throughout the written description, drawings, and claims as originally filed. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

### **ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER**

Applicant respectfully acknowledges the allowance of Claims 15-18.

The Examiner states that Claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended claim 1 to include limitations of claim 4. Applicant therefore submits that claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

### **REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 6 and 10 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Veith (U.S. Pat. No. 3,740,072) in view of Racina (U.S. Pat No. 3,028,617). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Applicant has cancelled claims 6 and 10 thus rendering this rejection moot.

Claim 1 remains rejected as being unpatentable over Veith in view of Racina, and in further view of MacDonald (U.S. Pat. No. 6,530,105). This rejection is respectfully traversed. As mentioned above, Applicant has incorporated limitations of claim 4 into claim 1, thus placing claim 1 in condition for allowance.

## CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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